

Poverty Guidelines for Older Americans Act and Older Californians Act Programs

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The purpose of this document is to provide a convenient place for Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) and their service providers to find information on poverty guidelines for Older Americans Act (OAA) programs. Various programs use the guidelines for eligibility criteria, targeting, and or/reporting purposes. Table A, along with the Individual Program Eligibility criteria, provide the most current poverty guidelines available. It is the AAA's responsibility to implement program eligibility criteria updates in accordance with the information provided.

The Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) are updated periodically in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2). On February 1, 2019, HHS published the new 2019 poverty guidelines.

Please provide the eligibility, reporting, and targeting requirements to the applicable service providers to ensure program compliance. Inquiries may be directed to the CDA Data Team at DataTeam.Reports@aging.ca.gov.

PROGRAMS

OAA Title III Programs shall use the FPG for targeting and reporting purposes. These programs do not have income eligibility requirements for participation. The AAAs shall consider the needs of individuals at or below 100 percent of the FPG in targeting services. Services shall be targeted to those with the greatest social and economic need with particular attention to low-income minority individuals, as set forth in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Division 1.8, Chapter 3, Article 3, Section 7310.

Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) Title V shall use 125 percent of the FPG for eligibility criteria and reporting purposes. For additional information, refer to the United States Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration Advisory System at <http://www.doleta.gov/seniors>. The Department of Labor FPG rates were adjusted per the Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 11-18, February 27, 2019, located at https://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL/TEGL_11-18.pdf.

Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) provides federal poverty level (FPL) information to beneficiaries and their representatives for referral and assistance to other programs, as needed.

TABLE – A

Program	Title III OAA	Title V SCSEP
Definition	100% FPG	125% FPG
Purpose	Targeting & Reporting	Eligibility & Reporting
Reference	OAA, Title I Sec. 102(a)(23) CCR, Title 22, Sec. 7310(a)(1)	OAA, Title V Sec. 518(a)(3)(A)
Annual Amount for 1 Person in Family or Household	\$12,490	\$15,613
Annual Amount for 2 Persons in Family or Household	\$16,910	\$21,138
Annual Amount for 3 Persons in Family or Household	\$21,330	\$26,663
Annual Amount for 4 Persons in Family or Household	\$25,750	\$32,188
Annual Amount for 5 Persons in Family or Household	\$30,170	\$37,713
Annual Amount for 6 Persons in Family or Household	\$34,590	\$43,238
Annual Amount for 7 Persons in Family or Household	\$39,010	\$48,763
Annual Amount for 8 Persons in Family or Household	\$43,430	\$54,288
For each additional person, add	\$4,420	\$5,525
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<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/02/01/2019-00621/annual-update-of-the-hhs-poverty-guidelines>